A

WARNING

TO THE

INHABITANTS

OF

ENGLAND,

AND

LONDON

In particular:

For so it rise often in my Heart to write, even a WARNING, that the Inhabitants might hear and fear the Judgments of the Lord, that are ready to fall upon this Nation speedily, unless they Repent of the Evil of their Doings, and Return from their Iniquities, that God may yet shew Mercy upon this poor Nation.

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OH! conſider, I beſeech you, how long the Lord hath waited upon you in his Tender Mercy, becauſe he would not have you periſh in your Sins, and ſo your Souls come to periſh eternally. Conſider how many Warnings he hath ſent, and yet you have not taken Warning; but run on in Sin, Drunkenneſs, Whoredoms, Swearing, Curſing, Lying and all manner of Sports & Playes, and ſpending your precious Time in Vanity, not conſidering your End, and the Preciouſneſs of your Never dying Souls, that muſt live to all Eternity, either in eternal Bliſs and Happineſs, or in Eternal Wo and Miſery.

Oh! how hath the Lord ſignified his ſore Diſpleaſure againſt this Nation and *London*, in ſending forth his Plagues and Peſtilence, Sword, Fire (and Famine hath been alſo threatned) in which Judgments Thouſands were cut off? Oh! what little notice is taken of theſe things, ſo as to amend your Lives? Oh! conſider what will be the End of this, if you do not Repent with Speed: Do you not know your Lives are compared to very ſmall things, even a Bubble in the Water, which is ſoon up and ſoon down; and to a Weaver's Shuttle, that ſoon is ſhut; to a Thred,

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that is ſoon ſnapped aſſunder. When the Senſe of the Shortneſs of Man and Woman's Life have been ſet before me, it hath made me tremble, and with Pity have I beheld what a great Buſle Men make to get a little periſhing Things in this World; when all is done, it is but Vanity and a Lye, even all your Pride, Pomp and Vain-glory; and your Souls in this ſtate ſtand in Danger of Everlaſting Ruin: Oh! that you would conſider it well, before the Thred of your Lives be ſnapt aſſunder; and conſider the many Sins that are committed in one day, and ſuch as are of a ſcarlet dye, as, grievous Oaths, Blaſphemies and Lying is very frequent with many people in their Buying and Selling, which none can do who abide in the true Fear of God; and it is plainly ſaid in the Scriptures of Truth. *Thoſe who love and make a Lye, ſhall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven:* Then what do you think will become of your poor Immortal Souls, when this Life is ended, and all your Jollatry is at an End? Oh! that you would but enter into a ſerious Conſideration, and think within your ſelves, *If God ſhould take away my Life this Night, or this Hour, what will become of my Soul?* We ſee daily how that many paſs away, and do not return again: ſo it muſt be with us, and we cannot reſiſt the Meſſenger of the Lord. Therefore hearken to the Voice of the Lord, for thus ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, *Conſider your Wayes; ask, and you ſhall have; ſeek, and you ſhall find; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you: for every one that ſeeks truly and ſincerely, findeth; he that asketh, receiveth; and him that knocketh, it ſhall be opened*

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unto him: for the Lord giveth liberally, and upbraideth not, if thou wilt but Repent, and forſake thy Sins, that would ruin thy Soul. Therefore good is the Lord, who would not have any to periſh, but would have all to come unto him, and be ſaved: For this End he hath ſent forth his Servants to preach the Everlaſting Goſpel, which is the Power of God, to preſerve thee from Sin, if thou wilt obey the Motions of his Grace, even in thy Heart, which ſhews thee thou ſhouldſt not be drunk, Swear, Lye nor Defraud any, but *do to all as thou wouldſt they ſhould do to thee*: So this is the Will of the Lord, even our Sanctification, to be waſhed in the Water of Regeneration; and he hath promiſed, *They who Repent, and forſake Sin, ſhall find Mercy.* And the Blood of Chriſt cleanſeth from all Sin thoſe who do obey his ſpiritual Light, which ſhi es in their Hearts, and reproves them for Sin; for *without him we can do nothing.* So Life and Death is ſet before all people, that they may chuſe Life, and forſake vain Pleaſures and Death; and my Soul's Deſire is, that People may chuſe Holineſs, and live. *For, without Holineſs none can ſee the Lord*; and if we cannot ſee him, how ſhall we live with him forever? for *No Unclean thing can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven*: And ſo, as we turn to the Lord, he will turn his Judgments from this Nation, which otherwiſe he hath determined to bring upon this Nation and *London*, by reaſon of Sin: For, often I have been waked out of Sleep with Sorrow and Pain upon my Heart, my Spirit being under a Senſe and Burden becauſe of theſe things; it lay upon me to declare the

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Judgments of the Lord, as it hath been ſignified to me by Viſions; and it hath laid with very much weight upon my Spirit, Night and Day concerning theſe things, That *unleſs you Repent, the Lord will ſend yet more Plagues, Suddain Deaths, and other Miſeries, and Great Mortalities.* When *Jonah* warned the King and People of *Nineveh*, they did not Beat him, and put him in Priſon; but they Repented, and the Lord beheld it, and he had Mercy, and turned away his Judgments: And ſo he will do to this Nation, if you will Repent, and Turn from your Sins, and do the things that be Juſt; for the Lord is an All ſeeing God, you cannot do any Sin in the ſecret place but he ſees it, whether it be in Thought, Word or Deed. And thus in Mercy he firſt ſends his Warnings before his Judgments, and if ye will take Warning, he will ſend Mercy, and not Judgment; for to that End he ſent forth his Servants, to turn People from Darkneſs to Light, and from the Power of Satan to the Power of the Living God.

This by one who hath felt great Affliction, but now hath obtained Mercy, as I am brought into the Obedience of the Will of God,

M. A.

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OH LONDON *I once more to thee do ſpeak,*
Becauſe thy Pride has made my Heart to ake,
To ſee thy Pride and eke Abomination,
Which cauſeth the Lord to ſend ſuch Viſitations,
As Plagus and Peſtilence, Fire and Sword,
Becauſe thou wilt not hearken to his Word,
Which cut off Thouſands in a little time,
Methinks it ſhould not ſo ſoon be out of mind;
Alſo the great Fire, which raged up and down
Throughout the City, till 'twas almoſt conſum'd,
That Thouſands were left without Habitations;
Oh! do not forget the Lord in ſuch great Viſitations:
I muſt confeſs the Judgments were very great,
But to what End I to you muſt relate,
That you ſhould ſee by thoſe his Viſitations
Your horrid Sins and great Abominations.
What Pride and Pleaſures are found in this great City,
With Oaths and other great Abominations, which make me pity
To ſee the Sad and Deplorable State thou art in,
Which will cauſe the Lord more Plagues on thee to ſend.
What Sins were found in Sodom *and* Gomorrah,
Alſo the Great Cruelty of Pharaoh,
That is not found in this Wicked Generation?
Therefore Repent with ſpeed, leſt it prove your Damnation.

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